

Government Reform 2011 Legislative Update

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- Part of the Governor's 2011 Legislative Agenda proposed key government reform measures aimed at streamlining state government and making it more accountable to the taxpayers.
- The proposals were a product of the hard work of the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring. Highlights include:
 - Eliminating boards and commissions
 - Ending some unfunded mandates on localities
 - Establishing an Inspector General to investigate waste and inefficiencies in state government
- The Virginia General Assembly worked diligently to pass, in a strong bipartisan manner, legislation that will institute a series of government reform measures to make Virginia state government smaller, smarter and more efficient.

Elimination

- HB1842 (Cole)/ SB1280 (McWaters) Boards, commissions, and councils requiring policy improvement
- SB1276 (Ruff) Local disability services boards
- HB2376 (Habeeb) Removes Virginia Department of Social Services agency mandates related to office space of local social services.
- HB2435 (Habeeb) Directs the Virginia Department of Corrections to eliminate mandates related to contract inmate classification reporting requirements imposed on localities.
- HB2520 (Peace)/ SB1471 (Martin) Eliminates certain advisory boards and commissions.

Consolidation and Efficiency

- HB1592 (Iaquinto) Requires all state agencies and regional bodies to put requests for proposal and invitations to bid on the Virginia Department of General Services' website.
- HB2058 (Poindexter) Consolidation of water quality project reports concerning Virginia's impaired waters.
- SB1057 (McDougle) Authorizes state executive branch agencies to develop one consolidated report for submission instead of multiple reports.
- HB2201 (Comstock) Consolidating Payroll Services
- HB2277 (Keam) Efficiency in Reimbursement Plans
- HB2319 (Byron)/SB 1382 (Stanley) Assessment of Efficiency of Mandates
- SB1001 (Watkins) Changes the authorities of the Virginia Board of Corrections.

Accountability and Cost Savings

- HB2076 (Landes, Chief Co-Patron; Brink)/ SB1477 (Stosch) Establishment of a State Inspector General
- HB 2297 (Comstock) Creates a telework tax credit
- HB2337 (Garrett)/ HB2338 (Garrett) Notice by Certified Mail

Government Reform 2011 Goals and Objectives

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Mission of the Commission on Government Reform & Restructuring

- Identify opportunities for increased efficiency in state government, including streamlining, consolidating, or eliminating redundant and unnecessary agency services, governing bodies, regulations and programs;
- To explore innovative ways to deliver state services at the lowest cost and best value to Virginia taxpayers;
- Seek out means to more effectively and resourcefully perform core state functions, including potential privatization of government operations where appropriate and restore focus on core mission-oriented service;
- Suggest innovations for state government to be more transparent, user friendly and accountable to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Governor McDonnell's Definition of a Successful Commission

- The Commission will succeed if, by January of 2014, reforms are made through executive, legislative and administration action to:
 - Reduce the overall scope of government through either the elimination or privatization of unnecessary state functions
 - Cut state government costs
 - Make government more transparent, open and accountable to the citizens of Virginia
 - Increase ease of access to government services for citizens
 - Preserve Virginia's standing as the "Best Managed State" in the nation

Governor McDonnell's Definition of a Successful Commission

- Ensure more taxpayer dollars are dedicated to effectively functioning core services like public safety, education and transportation, while decreasing administrative and overhead costs.
- Maintain Virginia's longstanding commitment to the Dillon Rule while reducing unfunded mandates on localities and providing local governments with more flexibility to manage the operational needs in their jurisdictions
- Consolidate and unify the disparate back office functions found throughout state agencies and ensure communication and data sharing among all areas of government
- Improve Virginia's appeal and competitiveness to investors
- Restore and ensure the long term fiscal health of the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Improve customer service, responsiveness and helpfulness of all state government functions.

Commission Goals

- Focus attention and review on key areas of state government
 - Relationship between state and local government
 - Integration of back office functions and efficacy of shared services
 - State government operations
 - How state government interacts with citizens
 - Transparency
 - Accountability
 - Ease of use/accessibility of services
- Propose recommendations that can be implemented through executive actions

Commission Goals

- Propose recommendations that Governor McDonnell will consider for his legislative and budgetary agenda
- Solicit cutting-edge ideas from private sector innovators and thought leaders
- Listen to and learn from state and local employees and Virginians from all regions of the Commonwealth
- Build a record of achievement upon which to build throughout the remainder of the McDonnell administration

Commission Goals

- Transition away from "low hanging fruit" into more substantive review of state government
- Propose recommendations that Governor McDonnell can develop into a legislative and budgetary agenda
- Solicit cutting-edge ideas from private sector innovators
- Consider and work towards effective implementation of a long range view of how state government should function

2010 Commission Organizational Structure

- The task of the Committees is to develop recommendations in their designated area of operations by receiving ideas, examining the viability of those ideas, through inspection of supporting data and research. Once satisfied, it will translate those ideas into a formal recommendation to the Commission and the Governor.
 - Government Simplification & Operations
 - Intergovernmental Relations
 - Customer Service, Performance, Accountability & Transparency
 - Consolidation of Shared Services & Enterprise Architecture

2011 Commission Needs

- Focused research for more in-depth initiatives
- Bolstered effort with additional staff from McDonnell Administration
- Further input from Virginia citizens and state and local employees
- Continue to conduct Commission in an open and transparent manner
- Research and recommend bold and transformative Ideas

2011 Commission Organizational Structure

- Breakout Commissioners into Work Groups concentrated on specific topics
- Instead of 4 separate committees, work groups will be more focused and flexible
- Greater participation from cabinet secretaries and agency heads
- Additional staff resources
 - Mike Reynold, Director
 - Julia Hammond, Deputy Director
 - Andrew Lamar, Policy Director
 - Jenny Wortham, Assistant Policy Director
 - Jeff Palmore, Counsel

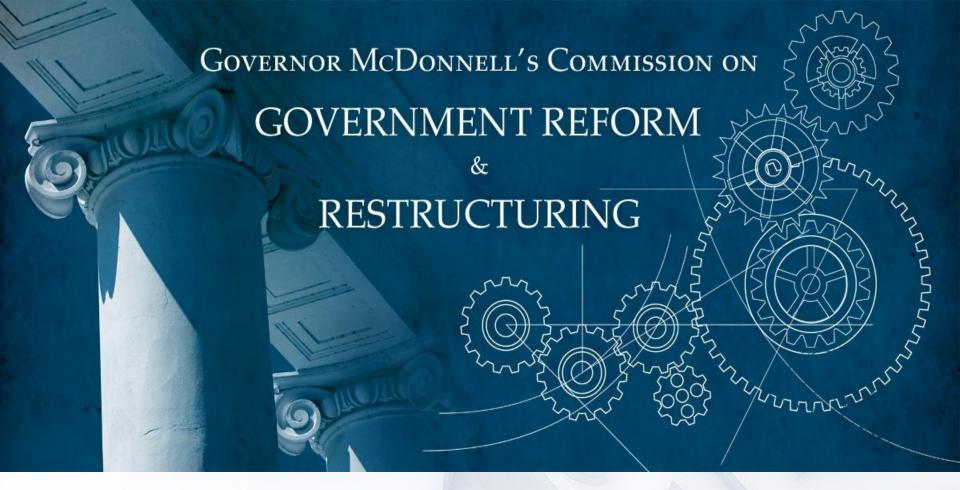
Work Groups

- Work Groups will be comprised of Commissioners (based on interest and professional expertise), Governor's office and secretariat staff, agency personnel and affected stakeholders.
- Commissioners and Staff will develop ideas and potential recommendations
- Public Meetings of Work Groups will consider and finalize recommendations
- > Full Commission meetings will formally adopt recommendations
- Process is similar to the Operational Reviews Task Force

Executive Order #32 Continuing Governor McDonnell's Commission on Government Reform & Restructuring

Executive Directive #2Implementing

The Honorable Martin L. Kent Chief of Staff to Governor McDonnell



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